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SUBJ: FMS TO GUATEMALA; PANAMANIAN INVOLVEMENT IN BELIZE

REF: GUATEMALA 2683

1. AT 15 JUNE RECEPTION CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY OF CENTER FOR MILITARY STUDIES, PRESIDENT LAUGERUD CALLED COMMANDER MILGP ASIDE FOR PRIVATE CONVERSATION. PRESIDENT'S PRIMARY CONCERN WAS STATUS OF REQUEST FOR 5 MILLION ROUNDS OF CALIBRE 556 AMMUNITION WHICH HE SAID WAS URGENTLY REQUIRED. COMUSMILGP REPLIED THAT THE REQUEST WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON AND THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO GET AN EARLY RESPONSE. PRESIDENT, WITH WRY SMILE, REPLIED THAT HE HOPED THE ANSWER WOULD NOT BE THAT THE AMMUNITION WAS IN SHORT SUPPLY.

2. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MILGP ASSISTANCE IN REPAIR OF THE THREE HELICOPTERS RETURNED TO THE US FOR OVERHAUL IN FEBRUARY, AND SAID THE AIR FORCE HAD YET ANOTHER FOR REPAIR AND THAT THE MOD WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE MILGP SOON
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WITH THE DETAILS. HE ALSO SAID HE WAS HAPPY TO KNOW THAT THE 100 JEEPS THE ARMY BADLY NEEDED WERE BEING SHIPPED ON 15 JUNE FROM MIAMI.

3. PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD RECEIVED ON 14 JUNE A REPORT THAT GEN. TORRIJOS HAD HAD A SHOUTING MATCH WITH HIS GENERAL STAFF OVER A TORRIJOS PROPOSAL TO SEND A CONTINGENT OF THE

PANAMANIAN NATIONAL GUARD TO BELIZE. THE STAFF WAS FIGHTING THE PROPOSAL BUT TORRIJOS WAS ADAMANT. THE PRESIDENT SAID TORRIJOS WAS CRAZY, ERRATIC AND CAPABLE OF ANYTHING. HE THOUGHT THE REPORT SHOULD BE CHECKED OUT. COMUSMILGP RESPONDED THAT HE THOUGHT SUCH AND OPERATION WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE GUARDIA. WHEN THE GUARDIA CONTINGENT WAS SENT TO THE MIDDLE EAST FOR THE UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCE, THE US HAD TO SUPPLY PRACTICALLY ALL THE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.
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